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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Johnson & Johnson Junior Party (U.S. Application 10/912,994),

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Abbott GMBH & Co., KG Senior Party (U.S. Patent 6,914,128).

Patent Interference No. 105,592 (MPT) (Technology Center 1600)

DECLARATION - Bd.R. 203(b)¹

¹ "Bd.R. x" may be used as shorthand for "37 C.F.R. ¹ 41.x". 69 Fed. Reg. 49960, 49961 (12 Aug. 2004).

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties. Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this DECLARATION.

Part B. Judge managing the interference

Administrative Patent Judge Michael P. Tierney has been designated to manage the interference. Bd. R. 104(a).

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER [SO] (Paper 2) accompanies this DECLARATION. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Initial conference call

A telephone conference call to discuss the interference is set for 2:00 p.m. on January 30, 2008 (the Board will initiate the call).

No later than four business days prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve (SO ¶¶ 10.1 & 105) a list of the motions (Bd. R. 120; Bd. R. 204; SO ¶¶ 104.2.1, 120 & 204) the party intends to file.

A sample schedule for taking action during the motion phase appears as Form 2 in the STANDING ORDER. Counsel are encouraged to discuss the schedule prior to the conference call and to agree on dates for taking action. A typical motion period lasts approximately eight (8) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. Identification and order of the parties

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Application: U.S. Applicati

U.S. Application 10/912,994, filed August 6, 2004

Title:

Anti-IL12 Antibodies, Compositions

Assignee:

Johnson & Johnson

Senior Party

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Involved Patent: U.S. Patent 6,914,128, issued July 5, 2005, based upon

U.S. Application 09/534,717, filed March 24, 2000

Title: Human Antibodies that Bind IL-12 and Methods for

Producing

Assignee: Abbott GMBH & Co., KG

The senior party is assigned exhibit numbers 1001-1999. The junior party is assigned exhibit numbers 2001-2999. Bd. R. 154(c)(1); SO \P 154.2.1. The senior party is responsible for initiating settlement discussions. SO \P 126.1.

Part F. Count and claims of the parties

Count 1

An isolated human antibody according to claim 1 of U.S. Application 10/912,994 or claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,914,128

The claims of the parties are:

J&J, U.S. Application 10/912,994:

1, 102 and 103

Abbot, U.S. Patent 6,914,128:

1-74

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

J&J, U.S. Application 10/912,994:

1, 102 and 103

Abbot, U.S. Patent 6,914,128:

1-15, 27-40 and 50-64

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1, and therefore are not involved in the interference, are:

J&J, U.S. Application 10/912,994:

None

Abbot, U.S. Patent 6,914,128:

16-26, 41-49 and 65-74

The parties are accorded the following benefit for Count 1:

J&J:

- i) U.S. Application 09/920,262, filed August 1, 2001, issued as U.S. Patent 6,902,734 on June 7, 2005.
- ii) U.S. Provisional Application 60/236,827, filed September 29, 2000
- iii) U.S. Provisional Application 60/223,358, filed August 7, 2000.

Abbot:

i) U.S. Provisional Application 60/126,603, filed March 25, 1999

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

The following heading must be used on all papers filed in this interference, see SO \P 106.1.1:

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Part H. Order form for requesting file copies

When requesting copies of files, use of SO Form 4 will greatly expedite processing of the request. Please attach a copy of Parts E and F of this DECLARATION with a hand-drawn circle around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is requested.

/Michael P. Tierney/ Administrative Patent Judge Enc:

Copy of STANDING ORDER Copy U.S. Patent 6,914,128 Copy of claims of U.S. Application 10/912,994

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